IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (original) A recording device comprising a loading means arranged to load a single recording medium and comprising loading means status determining means for determining a loading means status,
characterized in that the loading means status determining means are operative to detect a loading means status representing a loading means operation of loading the recording medium

2.   (original) A recording device comprising a loading means arranged to load a single recording medium and comprising loading means status determining means for determining a loading means status,
characterized in that the loading means status determining means are operative to detect a loading means status representing a loading means operation of unloading the recording medium

3.   (original) A recording device comprising a loading means arranged to load a single recording medium and comprising loading means status determining means for determining a loading means status,
characterized in that the loading means status determining means

are operative to detect loading means status representing a blocked loading means.

4. (currently amended) A recording device as claimed in claim 1 or 2,

characterized in that the loading means status comprises a progress indicator.

5. (currently amended) A recording device as claimed in claim 4 when depending on claim 1,

characterized in that the progress indicator indicates a time duration until the loading means loading operation is complete

6. (currently amended) A recording device as claimed in claim 1, 4 or 5,

characterized in that the recording device is operative to start a recording operation when a loading means status representing the loading means operation of loading the recording medium is detected

7. (original) A recording device as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the recording device is operative to start a recording operation when the progress indicator associated with the loading means status representing the loading means operation of loading the recording medium reaches a predetermined value

8.   (original) A recording device as claimed in claim 7,
characterized in that the recording device further comprises a
buffer with a buffer size and that the predetermined value of the
progress indicator is determined by the buffer size.

9.   (currently amended) A recording device as claimed in claim 1
~~to 8~~,
characterized in that the recording device is a recording device
for recording real time information.

10.   (original) A recording device as claimed in claim 4,
characterized in that the recording device is operative to abort a
recording operation when the loading means status representing the
blocked loading means is detected.

11.   (original) A recording device as claimed in claim 10,
characterized in that the recording device is operative to issue a
warning on a display device.

12.   (currently amended) A recording device as claimed in claim 1,
~~2 or 3~~
characterized in that the loading means status determining means
comprises loading means status reporting means accessible via an

external interface of the recording device.

13.   (original)   A recording device as claimed in claim 12 characterized in that the loading means status reposting means is operative to report a loading means status in a mechanism status header.

14.   (original)   A recording device as claimed in claim 13 characterized in that the loading means status reposting means is operative to report a loading means status in a changer state field in the mechanism status header.

15.   (original)   A recording device as claimed in claim 14 characterized in that the loading means status reposting means is operative to report a loading means status of 100b when the loading means is loading the recording medium, a loading means status of 101b when the loading means is unloading the recording medium, a loading means status of 110b when the loading means is blocked.

16.   (original)   A method for recording information on a recording medium comprising the steps of inserting the recording medium in a loading means, operating the loading means and starting a recording operation,

characterized in that starting the recording operation coincides

with operating the loading means.

17. (original) A method for recording information on a recording medium as claimed in claim 16,
characterized in that a status of the loading means is determined before starting the recording.

18. (original) A method for recording information on a recording medium as claimed in claim 17,
characterized in that the status comprises a progress indicator with a value, and that a predetermined value of the progress indicator must be reached before starting the recording.

19. (original) A method for recording information an a recording medium as claimed in claim 18,
characterized in that the progress indicator indicates a time duration until the operating of the loading means is complete

20. (original) A method for recording information an a recording medium as claimed in claim 19,
characterized in that before being recorded the information is stored in a buffer with a buffer size and that the predetermined value of the progress indication is determined by the buffer size.

21.   (original)   A method for recording information an a recording

medium as claimed in claim 16,

characterized in that the recording operation is aborted when the

loading means status representing a blocked loading means is

detected.